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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TOKYO-SAIPAN ROUTE AWARD

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1. JAPANESE DCM NISHIDA PRESENTED AIDE-MEMOIRE TO DEP ASST
SECY EDMOND SEPTEMBER 16 ALONG LINES REFTTEL. IN REPLY
EDMOND POINTED OUT THAT IN RESPONSE TO GOJ REQUEST DURING
1969 CONSULTATIONS THAT ADDITIONAL CAPACITY NOT BE ADDED ON
THIS ROUTE USG HAD AGREED TO POSTPONE INTRODUCTION OF NEW
SERVICES THOUGH 1971, BUT HAD DECLINED TO PROVIDE ANY
ASSURANCES AFTER THAT TIME. DURING PERIOD SINCE 1971 USG
HAD LOOKED AT TRAFFIC PATTERNS AND HAD DETERMINED THAT
ADDITIONAL SERVICE JUSTIFIED. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT
ADDITIONAL SERVICES COULD INCREASE COMPETITION FOR JAL AND
PAN AM, BUT SAID THAT CAB HAD DECIDED THERE WAS ENOUGH
BUSINESS TO GO AROUND AND THAT ADDITIONAL SERVICE WOULD BE
OF BENEFIT TO TRUST TERRITORIES. HE NOTED THAT JAL HAD
POSSESSED FOR SEVERAL YEARS RIGHT TO FLY SAIPAN/TOKYO ROUTE.
HE INQUIRED WHETHER GOJ OBJECTED TO AWARD OF ROUTE TO NEW
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CARRIER RATHER THAN CARRIER LIKE PAN AM ALREADY
ESTABLISHED IN JAPAN.

2. NISHIDA SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW ISSUE WAS NOT PAN AM

VERSUS CONTINENTAL BUT CREATION OF NEW CAPACITY WHICH GOJ BELIEVED WOULD ADD TO IMBALANCE OF US-JAPAN AVIATION RELATIONS. HE ASSERTED THAT JAPANESE PASSENGERS COMPRISE ABOUT 90 PERCENT OF TOTAL GUAM/SAIPAN/TOKYO PASSENGERS. GOJ CONSIDERED EXISTING SERVICE ADEQUATE. NISHIDA EMPHASIZED THAT IF AWARD TO CONTINENTAL CONFIRMED, GOJ RESERVED RIGHT TO REQUEST EQUIVALENT RIGHTS FOR JAPANESE AIR LINES. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY HE INDICATED GOJ MIGHT ASK FOR CONSULTATIONS AFTER IMPERIAL VISIT.

3. EDMOND TOOK NOTE OF GOJ CONCERN AND OF POSSIBILITY GOJ WOULD REQUEST COMPENSATING RIGHTS IN FUTURE CONSULTATIONS AND PROMISED TO BRING AIDE-MEMOIRE TO ATTENTION OF THOSE INVOLVED. KISSINGER

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